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U.S. Patent No. 5,842,513 to Maciaszek, et al.	December 1, 1998
U.S. Patent No. 5,203,399 to Koizumi	April 20, 1993
U.S. Patent No. 4,576,009 to Ogushi, et al.	March 18, 1986
DE 41 16 044 C2	November 21, 1991 (corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,203,399)
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FR 2 723 187	February 2, 1996 (corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,842,513)
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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